This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the Application. Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9-12 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A feeding apparatus for discharging cellulosic material from a steam separator, the feeding apparatus comprising; a ~~sealed~~ housing having an inlet adapted to be connected to a discharge from the steam separator through which the cellulosic material enters [[the]] said housing and an outlet through which the cellulosic material leaves said housing, said housing being sealed to prevent loss of steam therefrom betwen said inlet and said outlet, a screw disposed within said housing which feeds the cellulosic material from [[the]] said inlet between a peripheral portion of a screw shaft and an inner surface of said ~~screw~~ housing ~~for forming a pressure tight material plug~~, said screw shaft including a flanged portion[[,]] which extends transversely outwardly of said screw shaft toward said outlet and which, together with a throttle means provided radially outwardly thereof, ~~around said flanged portion form an~~

~~adjustable outlet~~ define an opening [[in an]] of said outlet [[end]] of said housing ~~through which the material plug leaves said screw~~, and means for adjusting said throttle means relative to said flanged portion so as to adjust a size of the outlet opening to thereby form the cellulosic material into a pressure tight material plug [[in]] at the outlet opening to thereby prevent loss of steam pressure from the steam separator through the feeding apparatus when the feeding apparatus is connectd to the steam separator.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said means for adjusting said throttle means includes a plug pipe which is ~~displacably~~ movably journalled to said housing so that said plug pipe may be linearly adjusted relative to said flanged portion of said screw to control [[a]] the size of the outlet opening.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said plug pipe is ~~displaceably~~ movably journalled by a spline connection between said plug pipe and said housing.

Claim 4 (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said screw shaft is journalled in a bearing provided

outside of said housing.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said bearing is provided [[at]] adjacent the outlet [[end]] of said housing.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 5 wherein said bearing is provided at a distance from said housing and thereby defines a discharge space for the cellulosic material passing through the outlet opening.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 5 including wings provided on said screw shaft outside of and adjacent to the outlet opening for breaking up discharged cellulosic material.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein displacement of said plug pipe is carried out by means of operating rods mounted in said bearing.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said screw shaft is mounted in a bearing provided beyond said outlet [[end]] of said housing.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein said bearing is provided at a distance from said housing and thereby defines a discharge space for the ~~discharged~~ cellulosic material passing through the outlet opening.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 2 including wings provided on said screw shaft outside of and adjacent to the outlet opening for breaking up ~~discharged~~ cellulosic material passing through the outlet opening.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 including wings provided on said screw shaft outside of and adjacent to the outlet opening for breaking up ~~discharged~~ cellulosic material passing through the outlet opening.